



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 19-333

RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PARK RANGER POSITIONS AND EXPAND THE CITY'S PARK RANGER PROGRAM ISLAND-WIDE.

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") operates and maintains parks and recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, these City parks and recreational facilities are extremely popular with visitors and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, for example, Ala Moana Regional Park is estimated to receive more than four million visitors per year, while Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve ("Hanauma Bay") is estimated to receive approximately one million visitors per year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has referred to City parks as among the crown jewels of the City and has stated that one of his top priorities has been to ensure that park facilities are maintained and improved so that residents and visitors can thoroughly enjoy these "valuable City treasures"; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") is currently understaffed by as many as 200 officers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this understaffing, some City residents and visitors report that they feel as though City parks are not as safe as they used to be; and

WHEREAS, the DPR reportedly established a park ranger program at Ala Moana Regional Park in early 2017, which has since been expanded to include Kapiolani Park and Hanauma Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that further expansion of the park ranger program with additional park rangers could supplement the law enforcement efforts of the HPD at public parks and recreational facilities; make City parks safer by educating City park users on park rules and deterring illegal activity; and help protect wildlife, the environment, the ocean, and park infrastructure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the City Administration to create additional park ranger positions and expand the City's park ranger program island-wide; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and Recreation is urged to partner with the Honolulu Police Department to create a law enforcement training program for its park rangers; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

Hyman Purie

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

DEC 18 2019

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 12/18/19 By: KYMBERLY PINE

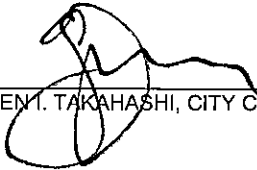
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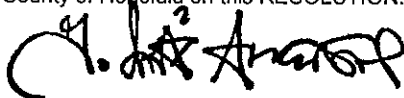
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

01/21/20	PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	CR-4(20) – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUR OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 4 AYES: ELEFANTE, KOBAYASHI, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI.
01/29/20	COUNCIL	CR-4(20) AND RESOLUTION 19-333 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 1 ABSENT: MENOR.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER